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In re application of: Vincent PETIARD *et al.* Confirmation No.: 1875
Application No.: 09/849,139 Group Art Unit: 1637
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For: USE OF DNA IDENTIFICATION Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4022
TECHNIQUES FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF GENETIC
MATERIAL OF COCOA IN FERMENTED
OR ROAST BEANS AND CHOCOLATE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

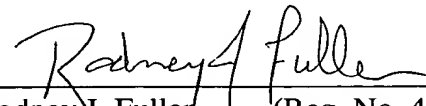
Enclosed is a copy of a PCT international search report that was received in Applicants' corresponding international application. Copies of the five (5) references listed on the search report are also enclosed. These references have been reviewed by the applicants, the assignee, and their attorneys, and it has been found that none of the references are material to the patentability of the allowed claims. This is also confirmed on the search report in that each reference is indicated as general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance (category "A"). Thus, applicants have no basis to ask the examiner to review the search report and references and it is respectfully requested that these items simply be placed into the file of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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